

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Reverend Matthew Wald led the prayer.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Liz Dreher, Dustin Briggs, Don Wallick, Jeff Smith, and Martin Zehnder. Other's present were Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger, Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Police Sergeant Brandon Warman, Fire Chief Steve Laskey, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, Reverend Matthew Wald, Mike Rosenberry, Randy Zehnder, Doug Dreher, Stacey Carmany, Paul Samsa, and Lewis Dreher.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2023, council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The April Unified Bank Statement, April SSB Worksheet, April financial statement, and the list of bills were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the April Unified Bank Statement, April SSB Worksheet, April financial statement, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 253,275.22. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Lewis Dreher addressed Village Administrator Ron Lambert regarding contractors getting bulk water for filling swimming pools and asked if the hydrant has a backflow. Lambert noted that the hydrant is metered and has a backflow, and that the information is given to Utility Billing Clerk Vickie Moore to bill the contractors for the bulk water.

Mike Rosenberry addressed council regarding the General Fund in the future because of the failure of the police levy passing. Mayor Smith noted that we will continue using General Funds for improvements in the village and that a discussion will be held this evening regarding a replacement levy for the November ballot.

Doug Dreher questioned Fire Chief Steve Laskey regarding the surplus equipment on Resolution 2023-7 for the Newcomerstown Fire Department. Fire Chief Laskey noted that it is old equipment that has already been replaced for our department, surplus equipment that has been sitting at the station for over 15 years, and equipment that was taken off a truck that we had sold. Laskey noted that it is a great way to help another department and that other municipalities are helping them out also.

Jerry Schultz asked about painting a center lane on 6th Street NW, noted that the American Legion has installed flags in the cemetery for veterans, and that the Memorial Day Parade will begin at 10 am at the school and go to the cemetery on Monday, May 29, 2023.

Doug Dreher noted to council that the new crosswalk on Wooster Avenue collects water sometimes and that he witnessed a family crossing at the north of 4th Street where there is no crosswalk because of the water. Dreher expressed his concern for safety at the new crosswalk.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for coming out last Friday evening to the park for the reveal of the bicycle sculpture in memory of Neal Dickerhoof. Mayor Smith thanked the fourteen fire departments that assisted in the fire on Hilltop Drive on Sunday but expressed his disgust to the people that were driving around the barricades during the emergency and noted that people must be respectful and observe laws in emergency situations. Mayor Smith noted that council discussed the request for the change of parking on 8th Street SW and have decided to keep the parking pattern in place. Mayor Smith noted that beginning with the June 6, 2023, council meeting, guests must call into Fiscal Officer Jennifer Mahoney by the Thursday before the council meeting to get on the agenda of the council meeting to have a more orderly and structured meeting like the school board has with its meetings. Lewis Dreher noted that he would like to be the agenda at every council meeting.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported that the water main has been installed on Weber Avenue, testing will begin, and once testing is done the individual services will be installed. Lambert noted that curbing removal will begin after the water services are completed.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster read his report that included a permit for an addition and new construction at Tremcar. Foster reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals held a public hearing at 5 pm and that the appeal for Will Hill was withdrawn because the property has been sold and that the appeal for Lou Dorsey was approved.

Fire Chief Steve Laskey read his report that included 49 calls from 4/18 – 5/16, a press release is on the Fire Departments Facebook page regarding the fire on Hilltop Drive and that the investigation is still open and that the department will be going to the site throughout the week while the cleanup of debris is being done. Laskey noted that updates will be on their Facebook page. Laskey noted that members of the truck committee and himself will be attending the pre-build and finalization of the department's new apparatus on May 24th and 25th, noted the new generator project is almost complete, thanked the Police Department, Village Administrator, and

the Water department for their assistance during the fire on Hilltop. Laskey noted that he will be attending an Ohio Fire Chief's Association training in Worthington on May 22nd and will be taking part in the policy committee and education committee for the Ohio Fire Chief's Association, noting that the committees have direct impact on legislation for the fire service in Ohio and are involved in the continuing education of the current and future leaders of Ohio's Fire Service.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith supplied council with an estimate from Signal Service in the amount of \$ 7,498.00 for additional pedestrian signage and additional lighting for the crosswalk on Wooster Avenue by the park entrance. Lewis Dreher asked if the existing park entrance signs and lights could be connected to the signal and Smith noted that he will ask Signal Service. A brief discussion was held on the estimate and a motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve the estimate from Signal Service in the amount of \$ 7,498.00. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes.

RESOLUTION 2023-7

Resolution 2023-7, was given its second reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to suspend the rules of the mandatory three readings. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve Resolution 2023-7, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR NOMINAL SUM TO THE VILLAGE OF NEWCOMERSTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2023-8

Resolution 2023-8, A Resolution requesting Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce speed limit on Wooster Avenue South in area that was recently re-zoned, was given its first reading only. Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger noted that ODOT has advised the village to do a survey of the area to show that it is at least 51% business.

Council reviewed information regarding police levy options and revenues for a proposed police levy. Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger noted that Tuscarawas County Auditor Larry Lindberg suggested a replacement 2.3 mill levy that would bring in yearly revenue of \$ 175,867.00. Seeberger prepared a resolution of necessity and will need two more resolutions to get the issue on the ballot for November.

RESOLUTION 2023-9

Resolution 2023-9 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to suspend the rules of the mandatory three readings. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Resolution 2023-9, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF POLICE PROTECTION THAT EXCEEDS THE TEN MILL LIMITATION, WITH A TAX LEVY BEING FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM (BEING TAX YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2028). At roll call, all members voted approval and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dustin Briggs commented that Zehner stated at the last council meeting that he had voted no on the installation of the crosswalk on Wooster Avenue at the park entrance but that he had voted yes on the crosswalk at the September 20, 2022, council meeting along with all the council members.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to adjourn at 7:03 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH -

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY

**STRASBURG VILLAGE CORPORATION
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023**

FUND	CASH BALANCES ON 1-01-23	APPROPRIATION 2023	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE	YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS	YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES
GENERAL					60,283.09			149,216.38
POLICE					45,151.33			188,964.49
FIRE					35,966.24			170,453.26
SERVICE					29,074.34			90,493.19
GENERAL BAL.	422,175.59	2,251,828.96	376,458.13	364,011.54	170,475.00	569,994.67	746,946.40	599,127.32
POLICE LEVY	5,818.47	57,818.47	26,597.48	2,437.86	5,297.11	23,738.23	33,985.88	16,066.12
FIRE LEVY	373,459.57	546,459.57	330,236.28	43,374.77	16,075.46	357,535.59	148,695.07	164,619.05
STREET	18.30	220,018.30	1,500.04	19,305.15	18,795.03	2,010.16	71,084.03	69,092.17
HIGHWAY	12,158.37	29,158.37	10,612.19	1,440.73	10,341.01	1,711.91	5,307.16	15,753.62
PARK	135,208.62	264,208.62	154,932.91	16,355.81	1,461.27	169,827.45	49,084.88	14,466.05
LAW ENFORCEMENT	251.50	251.50	251.50	0.00	0.00	251.50	0.00	0.00
JEDD	1,625,989.17	2,625,989.17	1,811,873.50	186,147.19	0.00	1,998,020.69	372,181.52	150.00
FIRE DEBT SERVICE	14.31	14.31	14.31	0.00	0.00	14.31	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPR.	33,992.04	213,992.04	77,148.15	24,000.00	1,256.00	99,892.15	67,156.11	1,256.00
WATER FUND	121,436.27	552,436.27	101,748.93	34,137.06	38,360.79	97,525.20	142,782.42	166,693.49
SEWER FUND	292,231.93	1,012,231.93	308,281.86	58,919.80	62,282.49	304,919.17	238,521.88	225,834.64
SSI	381,235.83	417,235.83	390,099.75	2,914.38	0.00	393,014.13	11,778.30	0.00
SEWER RESERVE	72,804.13	72,804.13	72,804.13	0.00	0.00	72,804.13	0.00	0.00
WSI	1,153,365.90	1,398,365.90	1,198,303.15	14,572.31	0.00	1,212,875.46	59,509.56	0.00
WATER PLANT	6,634.29	6,634.29	6,634.29	0.00	0.00	6,634.29	0.00	0.00
SEWER PLANT	143,191.83	143,191.83	143,191.83	0.00	0.00	143,191.83	0.00	0.00
INCOME TAX	3,054.58	1,303,054.58	1,435.93	176,247.75	168,729.36	8,954.32	445,433.15	439,533.41
PARK IMP TRUST	5,366.30	5,366.30	5,366.30	0.00	0.00	5,366.30	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	4,788,407.00	11,121,060.37	5,017,490.66	943,864.35	493,073.52	5,468,281.49	2,392,466.36	1,712,591.87

JANUARY 2023 CASH BALANCE \$ 4,788,407.00